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**MOTION BY CHAIR HILDA L. SOLIS**

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The Obama Administration and the Department of Justice have worked tirelessly to transform the criminal justice system. Efforts have been made to create a more fair system and one that is more effective at reducing recidivism. In March, the Department of Justice proclaimed the last week in April as National Reentry Week.

Addressing the issue of reentry is a crucial task that has enormous impact on recidivism. Placing importance on reentry and providing resources to incarcerated individuals will not only help them, but would also benefit their communities as a whole. With more than 600,000 individuals returning to their communities every year, it is critical to provide them with the tools to successfully reenter their communities and opportunities to lead productive and rewarding lives.

The County of Los Angeles has too realized the importance of successful reentry. In August of 2015, the Board of Supervisors created of the Office of Diversion and Reentry within the Department of Health Services. This office provides diversion services to individuals at risk of becoming homeless and or becoming incarcerated, mental health services and job training.

**I, THEREFORE MOVE, THAT** that the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors join with the Department of Justice to proclaim April 24 - 30, 2016 as National Reentry Week in Los Angeles County.

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